

Camden Historic Resources Committee
Minutes of Meeting
May 5, 2011

Present: Chair, Kit Parker; Members Elinor Klivans, Beedy Parker, Sonia Spalding; Alternate Susan Snead; Volunteers Barbara Furman, Rosalee Glass, Ann Sziklas; Select Board Liaison Deb Dodge; Guests Joanne Ball, Brian Hodges: Camden Development Director; Richard Householder: Planning Board member; Rick Seibel: Camden Public Works Director, Steve Wilson: Camden Code Enforcement Officer.

Kit called the meeting to order at 4:00.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the April 12, 2011 meeting were approved with no additions or corrections.

New Business

Roberta Smith has asked the Camden Historic Resources Committee to make a recommendation for paving materials for special crosswalks in downtown Camden. This paving, which was initially suggested by resident Joanne Ball, would provide traffic calming and it would mark the historic area. It would extend from the Camden Public Library to Park Street. The DOT has extra money for the project.

Rick Seibel brought samples of two materials (Streetprint and Duratherm) and examples of paving patterns and configurations used in other communities. He described the products and their application. The products, which are stamped asphalt, are widely used and Streetprint is usually favored by historic districts. After discussion and questions, Kit made the following motion:

The Camden Historic Resources Committee recommends using Streetprint XD in a brick color in the pattern from the example from Kernsville, NC., with a gray border and a white stripe for the crosswalks in downtown Camden.

Beedy seconded the motion.

After further discussion, the motion passed 4-1.

Old Business

Village Green

Kit talked to Sherry Cobb, president of the Camden Garden Club, about a liaison for the Historic Resources Committee. Sherry will talk to Judy McGuirk about this.

Meredith Scheck's term as Village Green chair ends in June and Debbie and Mark Masterson will become the new chairs. The clean-up for the Village Green is scheduled for May 23 at 8:30 A.M.

Archives

Kit has talked to Heather Bilodeau in the History Center who intends to complete 30 hours digitizing archival materials by the end of the fiscal year in June.

Harbor Park and Amphitheater

Clean-up day was Saturday, April 30.

Proposed Historic Preservation Ordinance: Richard Householder

Richard out copies of the most recent draft of this ordinance and apprised the committee of various aspects of it. He cited the designated historic properties for oversight by an historic preservation commission. This commission would replace the Camden Historic Resources Committee and it would have enforcement powers. Any property owner could request that his property be included.

Beedy would like for the cemeteries to be included. It was suggested that this recommendation be made to the Cemetery Committee.

Work on the ordinance is ongoing. When it is completed the Planning Board will hold a public hearing. If approved by the Planning Board, it will go to the Select Board.

The ordinance will be addressed at the next Planning Board meeting May 18 at 5:00 in the Washington Street Conference Room.

Other Business

Brian Hodges, Camden Development Director, reported on a workshop on strengthening Maine communities that he recently attended in Gardiner. Historic Preservation was a component, and Brian distributed copies of guidelines for the CLG (Certified Local Government) program, designed to promote preservation planning and cultural resource protection. The advantages, including funding opportunities, were discussed. The committee sees the Planning Board's proposed Historic Preservation Ordinance as a step towards the future establishment of a CLG program and it was noted that it is important that components of the proposed ordinance and the CLG be compatible. Brian has offered his help.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Snead